

**ANTHEM**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #91**

"RIDE ON! RIDE ON IN MAJESTY"

**\*CLOSING RESPONSE Hymn #536**

"LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY"  
(vs 1)

**\*POSTLUDE**

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- Jackson Okland, Assistant Director of Music
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**FPC Mission Statement**

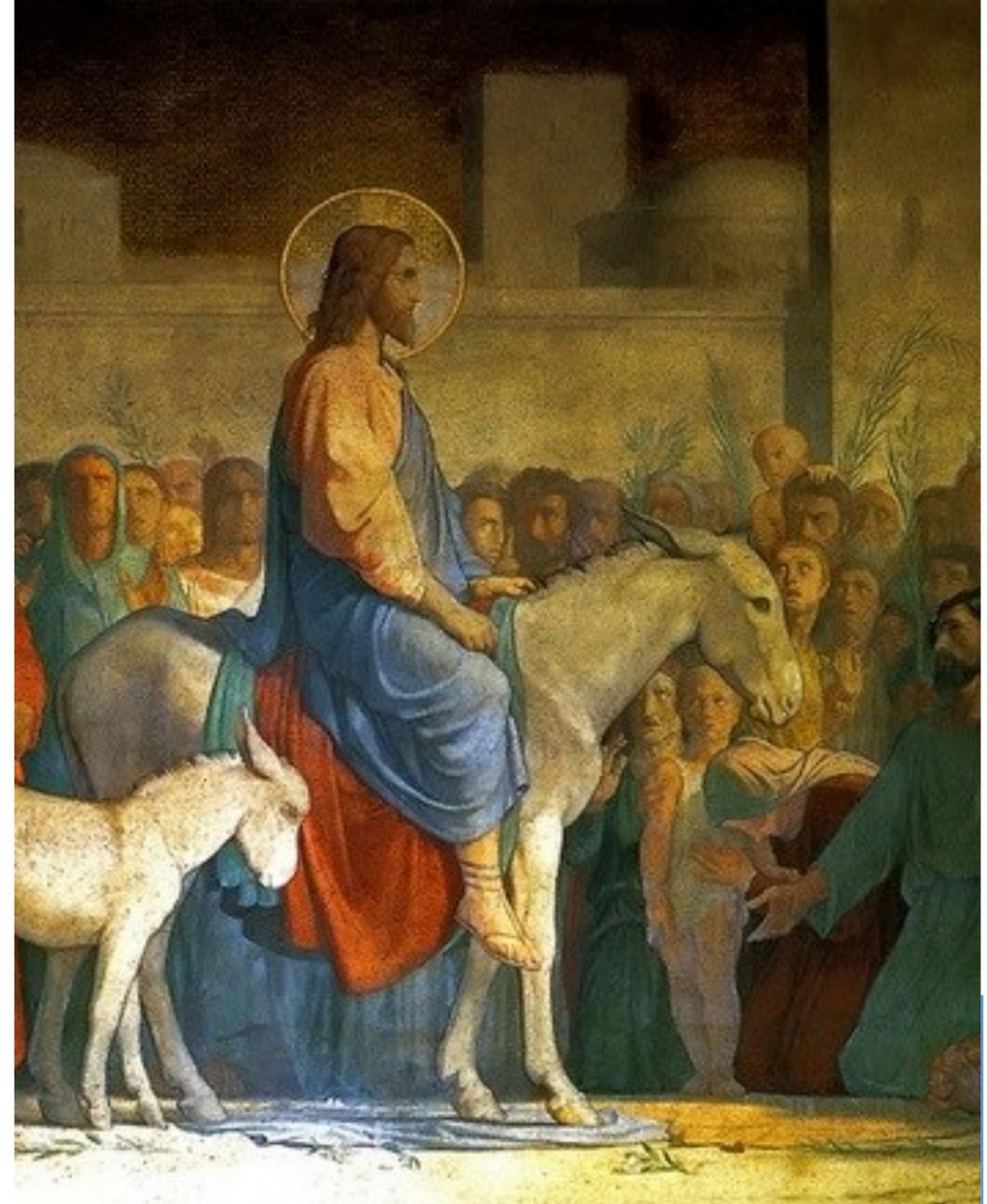
God calls First Presbyterian Church to reflect Christ as we strive to:  
 Enrich our personal and congregational spiritual growth, joyfully embrace visitors and each other in the fellowship of a spiritual family, increase knowledge about our faith, reach out to serve and include our diverse community, and respond to God's call to serve those in need.

March 29, 2026 - April 5, 2026

Sunday	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>
Monday	<b>Salvation Army Monday Serving Team</b>
Tuesday	<b>The Bell Choir Practice, 5:30 PM, Room 214-216</b>
Wednesday	<b>Men's Breakfast, 7:30 AM. America's Kitchen Meals on Wheels Drivers Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 PM. Choir Room</b>
Thursday	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> with Westminster and Emmanuel Presbyterian Churches, 6:00 PM, fellowship hall <b>Girls Night Out</b> , not meeting this week <b>Chancel Ensemble Practice, 6:30 PM, Sanctuary</b>
Friday	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b> <b>Good Friday service</b> at Westminster, 6:30 PM
Next Sunday	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> <b>No Sunday School Classes to meet</b> <b>9:30 Easter Sunday Brunch</b> , fellowship hall

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\*Please stand if you are able



The Entrance of Christ Into Jerusalem, by Jean Hippolyte Flandrin, 1844.

**First Presbyterian Church**

Galveston, Texas

**Sunday, March 29, 2026**

*Palm Sunday*

**FPC VISION**

Connecting to the Community with the Love of Christ

## PREPARATION

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE Chris Mitchell, Liturgist

### ADORATION

INTROIT Handbell Choir

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors,

**That the King of glory may come in.**

Who is the King of glory?

**The Lord, strong and mighty in battle.**

Who is this King of glory?

**The Lord of hosts is the King of glory.**

Let us worship our Almighty God.

### \*OPENING HYMN #89

“HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA”

### CONFESSION

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you, we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's, that our faith is often more show than substance, that our hearts are in need of cleansing.**

**Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives.**

**Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to receive us as your own. Amen.**

#### A MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news!

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #138

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God, Almighty” (vs. 1)

### OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY

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#### \*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Christ, all people here below;**

**Praise Holy Spirit evermore;**

**Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

#### \*PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

### THE WORD

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** John 12:12-19 Pg. 980

<sup>12</sup> The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!”

<sup>14</sup> Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:

<sup>15</sup> “Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

<sup>16</sup> His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

<sup>17</sup> So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. <sup>18</sup> It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him.

<sup>19</sup> The Pharisees then said to one another, “You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### CHILDREN’S CHAPEL Children ages 6 through 5th grade

#### \*HYMN #101

“WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS”

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON JOHN 19:16B-22

pg. 987-988

So they took Jesus, <sup>17</sup> and carrying the cross by himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup> There they crucified him and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup> Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” <sup>20</sup> Many of the Jews read this inscription because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. <sup>21</sup> Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’ ” <sup>22</sup> Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

#### SERMON

#### DEDICATION

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Philippians 2:5-11

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.**

**Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**